



Muncie Public Library Information Bulletin

Corona Virus and COVID-19

The Muncie Public Library is suspending all programs, events, classes, community room requests, and workshops from Monday, March 16 until April 6, 2020.

We are taking this step to limit the number of public gatherings throughout the library system in an effort to help the City of Muncie and our state slow the spread of the coronavirus.

MPL continues to carefully monitor the rapidly evolving information and guidance about COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control in an effort to help you, your families, and our staff to stay informed and healthy, and to respond to the situation as needed.

To limit the spread of the coronavirus, MPL has:

- significantly increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting surfaces like door handles and knobs, tabletops, counters, check-out and check-in machines, elevator buttons, and computer equipment at all of our locations.
- stepped up the number of times we service our public restrooms each day.
- removed all toys from the children's areas in our libraries.
- encouraged our customers, staff, and the public to wash their hands properly, cover coughs and sneezes, avoid touching their faces, stay at home if they feel sick, and contact their medical provider if they have traveled to certain countries.

If you do visit, we ask that you practice "social distancing" and limit contact with others by:

- avoiding handshakes
- using our self-check-out machines
- giving yourself ample space in our computer and seating areas
- sharing your library card number verbally instead of providing your physical card

There is a great deal of false information on social and traditional media sites regarding how COVID-19 is transmitted and who has been affected. For reliable and up-to-date information about the coronavirus and how to stay safe during this difficult time please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).